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Drew Doughty of the Los Angeles Kings and NHL scoring champion Henrik Sedin of the Vancouver Canucks, seen here in this photo illustration, face each other tonight at 7 p.m. in Game 1 of their playoff series at GM Place. **More coverage, pages 3 & 16.**

Canucks fan frenzy expected to pick up

Businesses brace for playoff fever ahead of Game 1

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Vancouver is listing in a calm before the playoff storm.

For a city that collectively goes post-season bananas, there has been a noticeable absence of jersey-clad Canucks fans wandering the streets and a dearth of tiny flags whipping excitedly from car windows.

But that should change today, as the Canucks take on the Los Angeles Kings in the first game of their best-of-seven series.

"It's starting to pick up now," said Mike Jackson, manager of Granville Sports Corner. "If they win this first game, it'll be a relief to everybody. They won't be scared to buy."

Jackson predicted that it wouldn't be long before flags start budding on car windows and people start catching playoff fever. He said that fervor will rise the deeper the team goes into the playoffs. He's already placed another jersey order with Reebok.

For local pubs and restaurants, the playoffs can be a boon.

Sparky Makarenko, a bartender at the Shark Club, a sports bar a slapshot distance from GM Place, said the playoffs are his favourite time to work — despite the fact that he misses most of the game because he's so busy making drinks.

"We're expecting it to be crazy," Makarenko said. "It'll be packed with people, but it's not just that. It's the energy ... Once playoffs hit, everybody and their nine best friends are rushing to watch it somewhere. It brings the city together."

On regular season nights, he explained, the Shark Club is most busy before and after games.

During the playoffs, the bar is packed throughout the match with people who want to celebrate (or possibly mourn) in a pub with others.

One drawback for staff is that they can't take in much of the action because they're so busy pouring and serving drinks. They are, however, pretty aware of what's going on in the game because of the reaction from patrons.

The bar, Makarenko added, sells a lot of beer during the playoffs. He didn't have exact numbers, but admitted the "beer orders are a lot harder to fit into the cooler."

Hot jersey

- One of the best selling jerseys — behind the Sedins, Luongo, Kesler and Burrows — has been that of fourth-line scrapper Rick Rypien, said Mike Jackson, manager of Granville Sports Corner.

Rat rescued from Alta. finds new B.C. home

MATILDA After facing death threats in Alberta, Matilda is on her way back to Vancouver and getting a boyfriend. She's a rat, and therefore illegal in Calgary where her family recently relocated.

She's expected to return home tomorrow thanks to Little Mischief Rescue, a small-animal rescue centre in Vancouver.

Alberta claims to be rat free and the animals are banned as pets. Matilda's family gave her up to animal-services officials in that province, who then called Little Mischief.

"Up until one-and-a-half years ago, it was unheard of that a rat made it out of Alberta safely," said Simone Bur, director of Little Mischief. "They would just kill them."

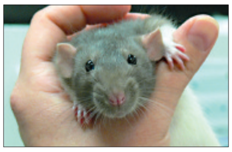
Matilda is the sixth rat to be rescued from Alberta by the organization. Bur said she stepped in because the B.C. SPCA chose not to get involved.

Matilda already has a Vancouver home lined up, where she'll be joining a single male rat who "needs another girlfriend," Bur said. His last one just died.

But there'll be no mischief in their future — the boy rat has been neutered. **LAURA FORTEY/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER**

Alberta

- Alberta is the only province in Canada to be rat free and to have a ban on pet rats, its government claims.
- Rat control was established in the 1950s to keep Alberta free of Norway rats, which are known to spread disease.



Matilda is seen here in this photo submitted by Little Mischief Rescue.

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Baby eagle hatches

A baby eagle has hatched in a nest monitored by the eagle cam that streams live footage to Hancock Wildlife Foundation's website. The hatched egg is the survivor after a raven landed on the Vancouver Island nest last week and ate one of two eggs while people watched on their computers. To view the chick, visit hancockwildlife.org.

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City's price tag for Games: $554M

OLYMPICS The City of Vancouver spent $554.3 million on the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games, according to a city report. Of that, $524 million went to capital infrastructure; $30.3 million went to Games-related operational expenditures.

"The capital funding has been dedicated to build new infrastructure and civic facilities or to upgrade existing assets," the report says. Among the capital costs was $73.8 million for competition venues, including the curling centre at the Vancouver Olympic Centre. Also, nearly $121 million went to non-competition infrastructure like the reconstruction of Granville Mall.

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Dogs aid in capture of copper thieves

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Three police dogs helped in the arrest of seven men who caused almost $3 million in damage while trying to steal copper wire from a hydro station, Vancouver police said yesterday.

The men, all known to police, were loading copper into a van early Monday morning when a Canada Line worker saw them and phoned police. Police dogs Chase, Blix and Coda aided in their apprehension.

The damage they caused to the station in the 400 block of Kent Street was assessed at $2.8 million, according to Dag Sharman, spokesman for B.C. Hydro.

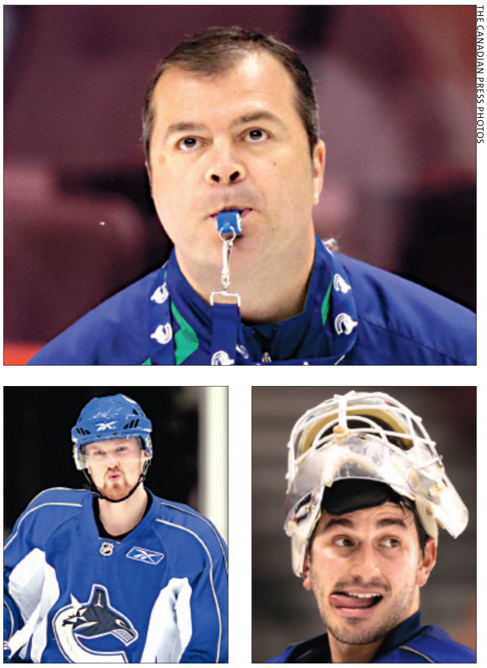
In addition to forcing ratepayers to foot the bill for repairs, stealing copper wires can be deadly.

"They put their own lives at risk, yes, but they also put at risk the lives of first responders," said Sharman.

"They put at risk the lives of B.C. Hydro and B.C. Transmission Corporation workers who come to work as they regularly do and they may not know that equipment that is potentially fatal has been tampered with."

Police have programs in place to help curb metal theft including the Xtract program that requires scrap metal dealers to report all transactions to investigators.

Vigneault will leave the whole sex thing up to his players



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The Canucks' Henrik Sedin, coach Alain Vigneault and backup goalie Andrew Raycroft during practice yesterday.

PLAYOFFS Canucks coach Alain Vigneault can talk X's and O's any time, but was caught off guard yesterday by a question about the birds and bees.

A health reporter from one of the city's newspapers asked Vigneault about the daily routine for the NHL team around the playoffs when it comes to "training, recovery, diet, sex."

"We do sex every day?" quipped Vigneault. "I'm missing out on something."

He went on to explain the team works with the players in areas like nutrition, conditioning and even getting the proper sleep.

"As far as the sex goes, it's none of my business," Vigneault said, bringing laughter from the media. "They can do what they want.

"I'd like to have a lot of control but that part there, I leave to them."

Defenceman Sami Salo also had some fun.

The often-injured Finn greeted reporters in the Canucks' dressing room wearing a surgical mask over his face.

"Somebody was saying today I had an infection," said Salo.

"If I had one, I wanted to put (this) on so you don't get it."

There had been speculation Salo was suffering from the flu.

Salo said he would play in today's opening game of the NHL playoffs against the Los Angeles Kings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

L.A. vs. Vancouver (off the ice)

Hollywood vs. Hollywood North

With The Canucks going to La La Land for the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs it's time to see how Vancouver stacks up against Los Angeles.

- Traffic

L.A.: There are 1.8 cars per person in Los Angeles, the highest per capita car population in the world. Vancouverites have 0.5 cars per person and none of the countless freeways slicing through the city's beautiful neighbourhoods.
Edge: Vancouver

- Late-night munchies

Vancouver has 52 restaurants listed open 24 hours.
L.A. has 1,422 restaurants that never close.
Edge: L.A.

- Government

L.A.: The Governator, Arnold Schwarzenegger, is huge boost to California's image. Vancouver: Premier Gordon Campbell drove drunk in Hawaii wearing a stylish shirt.
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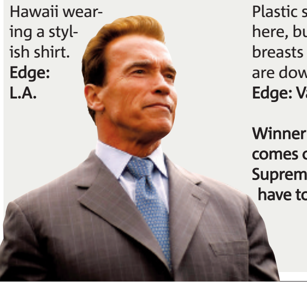

- Money management

L.A. is broke, facing a $222 million US deficit. California's deficit is more than $20 billion. Vancouver's deficit is a slim $62 million and B.C.'s a mere $2.8 billion.
Edge: Vancouver

- Celebrities

L.A. has a lot of them, including George Clooney, Jennifer Aniston and Jack Nicholson. Vancouver has Michael Bublé, Sarah McLachlan and Seth Rogen.
Edge: L.A.

- Plastic surgery

There were 12.1 million procedures in 2008 and L.A. is the plastic surgery capital of the world, with male breast reduction one of the most popular, according to beautifulfigure.com. Plastic surgeons can be found here, but it's doubtful man breasts are the epidemic they are down south.
Edge: Vancouver

Winner: A close civic battle comes out in a 3-3 draw. Supremacy on the ice will have to be the tiebreaker.

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A prize for everyday heroes

Community group wants nominations for plaque in park

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MOBY members Peter Finch, left, and Tina Dam at Larry Young Memorial Park off Commercial Drive yesterday.

To submit nominees, email moby_lize@yahoo.ca.

You don’t have to be a high-profile Vancouverite to get your name on a plaque — in fact a low-profile hero is just what an East Vancouver community group is looking for.

MOBY (My Own Back Yard) is accepting nominees until April 30 to pay homage to two people who have done something positive for East Vancouver, said Tina Dam, the group’s chair.

The winners will have their names put on a plaque on June 5 at Larry Young Memorial Park — a playground nestled in a small lot under the SkyTrain track at Commercial Drive and East 11th Avenue.

“It’s a nod to everyday citizens,” Dam said. “And it encourages those people who are able to do great things to do more, and to say, ‘If (someone else) can do it, why can’t I?’”

The park was built to transform a derelict space into a playground for a neighbourhood without a green area, and to honour Vancouver police Sgt. Larry Young, who was killed in the line of duty in 1987.

“Because we live in a big city … we seem fragmented,” Dam said.

“If we can bring a little of that (community feeling) back, then let’s bring that back.”

Comptroller to review school board’s spending

FUNDING The B.C. government has appointed the province’s comptroller general as a special adviser to review the Vancouver School Board’s financial performance.

It’s the latest round in an ongoing fight over education funding.

The board has said it’s facing an $18-million budget shortfall this year, which will force it to make cuts that “will shake the very core of the system.”

But Education Minister Margaret MacDiarmid says Vancouver’s operating funding will actually increase, although enrolment is dropping.

MacDiarmid says the board is “either unable or unwilling to manage its resources,” and has proposed measures that are not in the best interests of students.

Comptroller general Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland will review the board’s budget and make recommendations for meeting the budget set out by the Liberal government, and she will report back to the minister by May 31.

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School cuts

Other school districts facing cuts for the 2010-2011 school year include:

- Kamloops-Thompson, which is facing a $2.4-million deficit
- Nechako Lakes, which is looking at a projected shortfall of $3.8 million,
- Central Okanagan, which predicts it will be $4.7 million in the red.

Man given life term in beating death of stepdaughter, 2

TRIAL A Vancouver man has been sentenced to life in prison in the death of his two-year-old step-daughter, who died after being repeatedly punched in the stomach.

David Carl Sunshine was convicted of second-degree murder in the 2005 death of Isabella Rain-Ayala.

The Crown said he had beat the toddler and burned her with a cigarette lighter because he didn’t like her biological father. Evidence presented in court indicated the little girl bled to death when a vein in her abdomen ruptured.

Sunshine sat with his hands in his lap as the judge explained why he believed the child killer deserves little leniency and won’t be eligible for parole for 15 years.

Outside the courthouse, the girl’s mother said she’d hoped for a 25-year sentence, but she’s satisfied with the term and happy she won’t have to see Sunshine again for 15 years.

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Police seek missing pregnant woman

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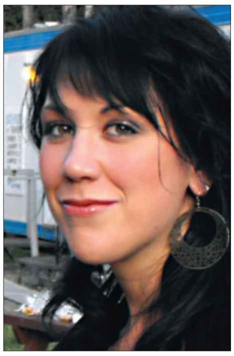

Abigail Andrews

MISSING RCMP in Fort St. John have been searching a local garbage dump for clues into the disappearance of a pregnant woman.

Abigail Andrews, 28, was last seen leaving her home to visit a friend a block away on April 7, and was reported missing a few days later, said Cpl. Annie Linteau.

“Foul play has not yet been ruled out,” said Linteau, who would not elaborate on what officers were looking for in the landfill.

Andrews’ family said her disappearance is out of character given that she is three months pregnant and maintains close contact with her family.

As of press time yesterday, 5,200 people had joined a Facebook group asking for information on her whereabouts.

Andrews is as six feet tall and weighs about 200 pounds. She has brown hair and a tattoo of tribal art on her lower back.

News in brief

MURDER LIKELY A man found dead in a Cadillac in a New Westminster parking lot was likely murdered, police said yesterday. Patrick Alexander LeBlanc, 67, from Vancouver, may have been killed elsewhere and placed in the car, where he was discovered on April 9.

LANDFILL The mayor of Cache Creek says Metro Vancouver’s board and staff are quoting erroneous data in its campaign to start incinerating local garbage instead of using the dump. John Ranta said the Cache Creek landfill isn’t running out of space.

BLAZE A massive plume of black smoke was seen across Maple Ridge after packing foam at a local nursery caught on fire. The foam was being used to transport seedlings at Pelton’s PRT Nursery on Old Dewdney Trunk Road.

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Toronto bus driver accused of assaulting passenger, breaking bus window

A Toronto bus driver has been charged with assault after getting into a dispute with a passenger over a fare. The driver allegedly attacked the 18-year-old man, breaking a window on the bus. The victim received non-life-threatening injuries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Judge wants commenters' names

A Nova Scotia judge has ordered a newspaper and Google Inc. to cough up whatever details they possess about the identities of people who posted comments anonymously about Halifax's two top firefighters. The two are considering a lawsuit against posters. The judge said the court doesn't "condone the conduct of anonymous Internet users who make defamatory comments."

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Karen Fraser, widow of Const. Michael Sweet, speaks in Toronto yesterday. Looking on is their youngest daughter, Nicole Sweet, who was almost two years old when her father was killed.

Sad family fights privacy gag

MURDER The family of a police officer who bled to death 30 years ago while his killer taunted police pleaded yesterday for changes to privacy laws.

They said the laws hide information on which the murderer made a partially successful bid for parole.

Backed by police groups, the widow and grown children of Toronto Const. Michael Sweet said Craig Munro's records should be as public as the killing was.

"Mike was murdered in a public place, Craig Munro's trial was public information, Craig Munro's sentencing was public information," said Sweet's widow, Karen Fraser.

"However, as soon as Craig Munro was in prison, all information concerning Craig Munro became private information under the federal government's Privacy Act."

Munro, 58, claims to have reformed. He told a National Parole Board hearing last month that he was drunk and high during the standoff and didn't realize Sweet was dying.

Munro is serving a life sentence for Sweet's first-degree murder on March 14, 1980. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Guergis shocker

'Third party' private eye talks of cash and cocaine

Toronto private investigator Derek Snowdy has apparently laid out allegations involving MP Helena Guergis, husband Rahim Jaffer and Toronto businessman Nazim Gillani.

According to the Toronto Star, the central allegation Snowdy presented is that Gillani, an accused fraudster, claimed to Snowdy that three offshore companies in Belize — a tax haven — had been "reserved" to hold cash for Guergis and Jaffer. Snowdy said he also told the Tory lawyer that Gillani boasted he had cellphone pictures of Jaffer and Guergis partying with high-class escorts when cocaine was being snorted.

"I talked, they listened. They asked a lot of questions," said Snowdy of the interview at a Conservative party lawyer's office.

"They asked me back the next morning and then by noon came the announcement."

The announcement was that Guergis was resigning as minister of state and Prime Minister Stephen Harper had kicked her out of the Tory caucus and called in the police.

The Star has learned that Snowdy was the "third party" Harper said had made the allegations.

None of the allegations have been proven.

Guergis, presented by the Star with a synopsis of the allegations Snowdy made, e-mailed that she could not comment.

"I would very much like to answer … and in due course I will try.

The e-mail continued: "I'm sure you can appreciate it is very difficult to answer allegations based on innuendo from anonymous sources... Nevertheless, I intend to defend myself to the fullest extent to ensure that the record is set straight."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Premier hints police erred on Jaffer

- Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty suggests police made mistakes during Rahim Jaffer's arrest last fall.
- Reports say Jaffer was strip-searched and denied access to his lawyer.
- Charges of drunk driving and possession of cocaine were later withdrawn by the Crown. Jaffer was fined $500 for careless driving. He donated $500 to charity.
- "I have confidence that the Crown made the right decision given the circumstances," McGuinty told reporters.

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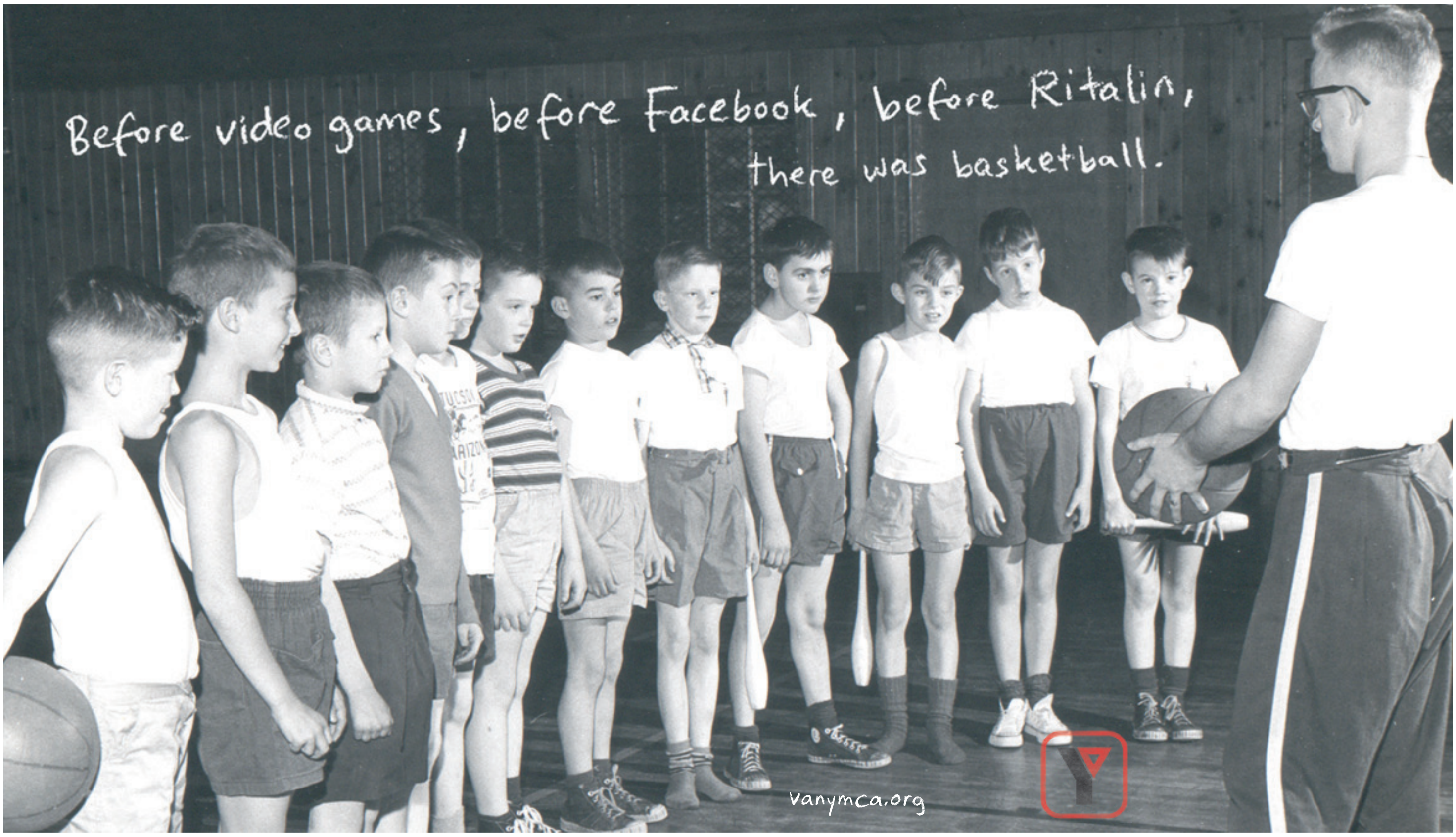
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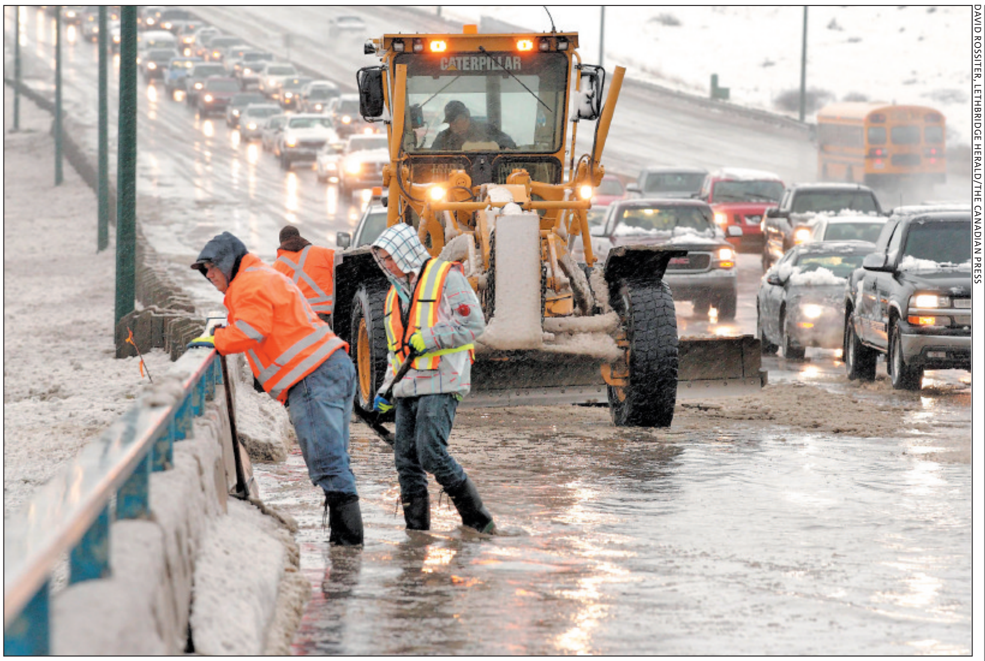
Saskatchewan privacy czar chides curious pharmacist

Saskatchewan's privacy commissioner says a curious pharmacist used his home computer to look up information on a former patient. Gary Dickson says an investigation found a pharmacist with "personal interest" checked the patient's file nine times. Dickson suggests Saskatchewan Health needs to improve privacy training. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**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Crews work at a hectic pace yesterday to stop flooding on the Whoop-Up Drive bridge deck over the Oldman River in Lethbridge, Alberta. Southern Alberta was hit with a major snow storm overnight causing electricial power outages and school closures.

Spring? Not in Lethbridge

Snow buffets city ... and even torpedos folks' nice hot shower

> **"Don't wash dishes, especially with a dishwasher. Don't wash your clothes. Put off a shower or a bath for a day."**
> Lethbridge Mayor Bob Tarleck

Winter returned with a wallop to southern Alberta.

Tens of thousands of people were without power yesterday after a buffeting by heavy wet snow and whipping winds.

The mayor of Lethbridge advised 90,000 residents to stay put and wait out a widespread power outage that enveloped much of the city and surrounding communities.

Bob Tarleck also asked everyone to leave the streets free for emergency vehicles and to conserve water as much as possible.

"We are in emergency response mode. The schools are closed. The college is closed. The hospital is operating on emergency power, so they're not doing any elective surgery," he said.

"We're just hunkering down and we'll try to wait this out."

Tarleck said the city had reserve water supplies, but wouldn't be able to process any new water from the river until the power came back on.

"Don't wash dishes, especially with a dishwasher. Don't wash your clothes. Put off a shower or a bath for a day," he said.

"We need to reduce water consumption to the absolute minimum."

Tarleck said the problem was with an AltaLink line that provides power for most of southeastern Alberta.

The company couldn't give an estimate on when full power would return.

Spokesperson Scott Schreiner said AltaLink wasn't sure exactly what was causing the outage, although it was obviously a result of the storm.

Normally, workers would inspect power lines by helicopter, but the continued wicked weather made that unsafe, he said.

Instead, crews from as far as Edmonton were following the lines from the ground to find problem spots.

"We are in the process of analyzing what, if any, damage there is, or if it's simply ice on the lines and wind that is creating issues for us."

AltaLink runs the large transmission lines into the city and surrounding areas.

The spring storm roared in with a vengeance late Tuesday afternoon.

Snow continued to fall overnight and by morning many people had to abandon their vehicles as they became bogged down in drifts as deep as 30 centimetres.

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Dial up an order: Put out garbage

TECHNOLOGY You've got a hankering for Lebanese, but the falafel looks awful at the local shawarma shop?

If software developer Edward Ocampo-Gooding gets his way, health inspection records for the shop could be sent to your smartphone in seconds.

Ocampo-Gooding was standing outside one of his favourite Ottawa shawarma shops wondering if it was among those recently cited for violating food safety guidelines.

"I was worried the place I frequent might be one of them," he said.

So he and three other software developers created a program that would scrape that kind of information from the City of Ottawa's website so it could be delivered to your BlackBerry or iPhone on demand.

And if he could find restaurant inspection reports by thumbing his smartphone, why couldn't he find out if tomorrow's garbage pickup included newspapers or compost or where the nearest water fountain is located.

"Everyone lives in a city, and everyone wants to fix something," Ocampo-Gooding said.

Municipal officials in Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto and other cities across the country are unlocking the previously sealed doors on this kind of data at city hall.

Vancouver was among the first Canadian cities to provide a digital shovel to dig through its data mountain.

David Eaves, an adviser to the mayor of Vancouver on opening up that city's data, said the initiative has helped make more citizens aware of the work done at city hall.

Vancouver's most popular application is a reminder to bring out the trash and recycling the night before it's collected.

More than 1,500 people have signed up for the service. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Arctic trust fund goes cold

FINANCE Chilly financial markets have frozen a trust fund intended to compensate the "human flagpoles" who marked Canadian Arctic sovereignty in the 1950s.

Years of poor returns have clouded the future of a trust intended to compensate the survivors and descendants of Inuit who were relocated to High Arctic islands.

And a Quebec judge has been asked to allow trustees to divvy up nearly half the remaining cash to the aging survivors.

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NASA contemplating emergency spacewalk

NASA is considering whether an emergency spacewalk by the crew of space shuttle Discovery is needed to clear a stuck valve in a critical cooling loop at the International Space Station, officials said yesterday. The nitrogen valve failed to open Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World

'Third World' doesn't fit new reality

The head of the World Bank says it is time to stop using the term "Third World" to refer to developing countries and recognize they are an essential part of a new, fast evolving, multipolar international economy. Robert Zoellick, left, said the global economic crisis of 2009 showed the categorization of First and Third Worlds, donor and supplicant, leader and led no longer fit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'A complete mess'

Rescuers face challenges after earthquakes in rural China

China has poured workers and equipment into a mountainous Tibetan region in a bid to find survivors more than a day after strong earthquakes killed more than 600 people and injured thousands.

The series of quakes flattened buildings across remote western Yushu county and sent survivors, many bleeding from their wounds, flooding into the streets of Jiegu township. State television showed block after devastated block of toppled mud and wood homes. Local officials said 85 per cent of the buildings had been destroyed.

Survivors spent the night outdoors, where temperatures fell below freezing and aftershocks continued, residents said. With limited medical supplies and doctors, survivors with broken limbs could do no more than wait for help.

"This feels like a war zone. It's a complete mess. At night, people were crying and shouting. Women were crying for their families," said Ren Yu, general manager of Yushu Hotel in Jiegu, who said he felt at least five aftershocks overnight. "Some of the people have broken legs or arms but all they can get now is an injection. They were crying in pain."

Rescue work focused on several collapsed schools, with the state news agency saying at least 56 students died. Worst hit was the Yushu Vocational School, where the officials Xinhua News Agency cited a local education official as saying 22 students died, 20 of them girls.

Ren said hotel staffers returning from assisting in rescue work at night described horrific casualties the quake had caused.

"They told me that when some elementary school students were pulled out, their brains had spilled out."

Some people had to sleep on the sides of streets with nothing more than blankets, said Tashi Tsering, director of Jinpa, a charity that supports education and health projects in Yushu.

"It's very ghastly. The whole town has come down," Tashi Tsering said. "Most of the houses are made of wood and mud so they have totally collapsed to the ground. I'm sure there are some alive underneath but I don't think there are many of them."

Survivors needed emergency medical supplies, water, sanitation, food and clothing, he added.

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Rescue workers search for survivors at the site of a collapsed building in Yushu country, China.

Thousands left homeless in India

DISASTER A cyclone packing winds of more than 160 km/h demolished tens of thousands of mud huts in northeastern India, killing at least 89 villagers, officials said yesterday.

The cyclone struck close to midnight on Tuesday in northeastern parts of West Bengal and Bihar states, uprooting trees and snapping telephone and electricity lines, West Bengal Civil Defence Minister Srikumar Mukherjee said. Hundreds of people were injured and many thousands left homeless.

Devesh Chandra Thakur, Bihar state's minister for disaster management, said there was no cyclone warning from the weather department, so villagers were unprepared.

Television footage showed uprooted trees lying across shanties and sheets of corrugated metal ripped from the roofs of homes. Small children sat outside their damaged huts as parents tried to salvage their belongings from inside.

Namita Biswas, 51, a housewife in West Bengal, told The Associated Press by phone she and her husband were sleeping in their hut when it was crushed by a tree that broke from the impact of the cyclone. Her husband was killed.

The worst-hit villages in West Bengal state were Hematabad, Raiganj and Kiran Dighi, where police and rescue teams have recovered 39 bodies, Ramanuj Chakraborty, a senior local official told The Associated Press.

By yesterday evening, authorities had begun rushing medical teams and food supplies to the cyclone-hit area, Ramanuj Chakraborty, a West Bengal official said. Temporary shelters were also being set up for those who had lost their homes, he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

50,000

Officials say that nearly 50,000 mud huts were destroyed in West Bengal, with thousands more destroyed in Bihar.

News in brief

POLAND The sense of unity spawned by the plane crash that killed Poland's president and dozens of the country's top officials has begun to fray, with controversy flaring over the choice of a burial site and suspicion spreading about the cause of the accident. Some Poles are complaining about a lack of public information, with conspiracy theories about the crash beginning to swirl.

SCANDAL The Vatican yesterday tried to defuse growing anger over comments from the Pope's top aide on Monday linking homosexuality to pedophilia, while claiming no link between celibacy and pedophilia. A Vatican spokesman said the offending remarks weren't medical assertions, but rather, were based on statistics.

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Another Iceland eruption

VOLCANO A volcano under a glacier in Iceland erupted yesterday for the second time in less than a month, melting ice, spewing smoke and steam, closing a major road and forcing hundreds of people to flee rising floodwaters.

Authorities evacuated 800 residents from around the Eyjafjallajokull glacier as rivers rose by up to three metres. Emergency officials and scientists said the eruption under the ice cap was 10 to 20 times more powerful than one last month, and carried a much greater risk of widespread flooding.

"This is a very much more violent eruption," said one expert in glacial flooding **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Italian court rejects same-sex marriage bids

Italy's constitutional court has rejected bids to have gay marriages recognized in two Italian cities. Couples in the northern cities of Venice and Trento had sought to have their city halls ordered to post formal marriage announcements for homosexual unions, as they do for heterosexual marriages. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Bikini's too hot for tots

British retailer pulls swimsuit from shelves amid outcry

> **"It's a shame it was ever put on the market in the first place."**
> Justine Roberts, founder of Mumsnet

A major British clothing retailer withdrew a children's bathing suit from sale yesterday after a front-page tabloid story revealed it was selling padded bras on bikinis aimed at seven-year-olds.

The bikinis angered children's advocates and candidates in Britain's upcoming election, who say it was yet another product that sexualizes children and encourages them to grow up too fast.

"It's a shame it was ever put on the shelves in the first place," said Justine Roberts, founder of the Mumsnet, a parenting website that attracts a large, vocal audience. She nonetheless praised the decision to pull it from shelves.

Primark, a popular discount chain, is not the first retailer to draw criticism for offering padded bras for kids younger than 10, but a growing number of companies are pledging support for Mumsnet's "Let Girls Be Girls" campaign.

The popular online forum said such clothing tells girls sexiness is the most important quality, and it "encourages a culture in which children are viewed as sexually available."

Announcing the immediate withdrawal of the product, Primark promised to donate any profits already earned from the item to a children's charity. The product line, it added, "sells in relatively small quantities."

The retailer acted within hours of a front-page article in the Sun denouncing the product as a "paedo bikini." Politicians swiftly joined the clamour.

"Completely disgraceful," Conservative party Leader David Cameron said of the bikini. "The sort of country I want is one where it is not just the government (that) feels outraged about the early commercialization and sexualization of our children, but companies should stop doing it, they should take some responsibility."

There has long been a global concern that products and images may promote the sexual abuse of children. Examples include whether Barbie dolls push girls in the wrong direction, what message Disney star Miley Cyrus' bareback shot for Vanity Fair sent, and the effects of 15-year-old Brooke Shields saying for Calvin Klein: "You want to know what comes between me and my Calvins? Nothing."

The American Psychological Association, in its report on the sexualization of girls in 2007, raised concerns about other campaigns, such as Skechers' "naughty and nice" ad featuring Christina Aguilera dressed as a pigtailed, lollipop-licking schoolgirl.

The association also fretted about thongs for 7- to 10-year-olds with slogans such as "wink wink."

Primark has 138 stores in the United Kingdom, 38 Penneys stores in Ireland and shops in Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium.

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Trial **Palin subpoenaed**

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Sarah Palin flashes a thumbs-up yesterday during a stop of the Tea Party Express in Boston. The son of a Democratic state legislator is charged with hacking Palin's email and will go on trial next week. Palin has been subpoenaed and will testify, officials say.

Bin Laden wanted alive

TERRORISM Under fire from Republican critics, Attorney General Eric Holder said yesterday the U.S. still aims to capture and interrogate Osama bin Laden, but expects the al-Qaida leader won't be taken alive.

The attorney general was on the defensive from the outset in his testimony before the Senate judiciary committee, peppered with criticism over his handling of terrorism issues, including the planned shutdown of the Guantanamo Bay detention centre and where those suspects should be sent for trial.

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Missing 11-year-old was swamped

RESCUE The little girl's voice on the 911 call was faint yet cheerful, letting central Florida police know that after four days of searching and lots of prayer, they had found missing 11-year-old Nadia Bloom.

"Hi. This is Nadia and I'm the girl that got lost," she said Tuesday from deep inside an alligator-infested swamp in Winter Springs.

The fifth-grader, who has Asperger's syndrome, a type of autism-related disorder, was found by a man who attends the same church as her family, police said.

James King said she was in a dry patch in the middle of the swamp.

"Hey, I've got her," King said in the 911 call. "I've got Nadia."

King said that the girl had bug bites yet "no major injuries, just exposure."

King added: "The Lord told me where to find her."

The dispatcher asked to speak with Nadia, and that's when she said hello.

"She was very calm, she was very matter of fact. There was no panic," King said on ABC's Good Morning America yesterday.

The girl, who had last been seen Friday, was taken to a hospital in nearby Longwood, where she was evaluated and treated for dehydration and insect bites, said Winter Springs police Chief Kevin Brunelle.

"If I never believed in miracles, I sure do now," Brunelle said.

The medical director at South Seminole Hospital, Dr. Rakish Parekh, told reporters that Nadia was smiling and had some bruises and bites. She was getting intravenous fluids for dehydration.

"She is doing remarkably well," he said.

Later, Geo Morales, a spokesman for hospital, said that Nadia's family requested privacy and said he could not release any information about her, including whether she was still being treated.

Brunelle said Tuesday night that he wasn't sure if Nadia had yet gone home.

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Fewer women dying in childbirth

MATERNITY The number of women dying in childbirth worldwide has dropped dramatically, a British medical journal reports, adding that it was pressured to delay its findings until after UN meetings this week on public-health funding.

A new, separate report by a group headed by the United Nations reached a very different conclusion on maternal mortality, saying the figure remains as high as 500,000 deaths a year.

The disagreement reveals the politics behind public health, where progress made in tackling a health problem can jeopardize funding. Public health officials are gearing up to ask for billions of dollars at UN meetings.

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News in brief

PIRACY A Dutch military transport plane yesterday picked up 10 suspected Somali pirates who were arrested at sea and was flying them to the Netherlands to await transfer to Germany for trial.

YOUTH Daniela Kovarova, the Czech Republic's justice minister, says she is working toward reducing the age at which a person can be tried for murder to 10 years old.

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Dozens killed in deadly Egyptian road accidents

Egyptian officials say 25 people were killed in two road accidents in the country's south. A van trying to avoid a park truck collided head-on with another truck, in the town of Sohag. In Aswan, a van tried to pass another car and hit a parked truck. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rights groups seek war probe

COMPLAINT Argentine human-rights groups turned the tables on Spain yesterday, asking for a local judicial probe of murders and disappearances as well as alleged genocide committed during Spain's Civil War and Gen. Francisco Franco's long dictatorship. Relatives of four killed during the war presented their complaint in federal court. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Scribe's tomb tells illuminating story

EGYPT The elaborate tomb of an ancient royal scribe has been unearthed in a discovery that will help illuminate the relationship between Egypt and its eastern neighbours, the antiquities chief said yesterday.

The intricately decorated tomb belonging to Ken-Amun, who was in charge of overseeing the royal records during the 19th Dynasty (1315-1201 BC), was unearthed in the village of Tell el-Maskhuta, 120 kilometres east of Cairo, said Zahi Hawass, head of the Supreme Council of Antiquities.

Tell el-Maskhuta was a settlement in the Ismailia governorate containing a garrison that supplied and armed the ancient Egyptian army before the troops went on military campaigns east of the border.

The wall's inscriptions tell that the scribe's wife was called Isis and worked as a musician for the God Atum. A large limestone pillar also was discovered depicting the God Set, the god of darkness and chaos, in front of the 19th Dynasty king of the time, whose name was not written. On the same pillar, the name of the capital of the Hyskos — an Asiatic people who invaded the eastern Nile Delta in the 12th Dynasty — was found. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Iraqi army soldiers inspect the site of a warehouse bomb in Baghdad yesterday, part of the latest wave of attacks in the capital that left five people dead.

Al-Qaida plot foiled

Planes were to hit shrines

Iraqi security forces disrupted a 9-11-style plot by al-Qaida in Iraq to fly hijacked planes into Shiite religious shrines, Iraqi and U.S. officials said yesterday.

Iraqi security officials said they temporarily shut down at least two airports and have arrested two men — one of the intended pilots and an airport worker — suspected in the plot, which appeared aimed at undermining the country's stability while U.S. troops prepare to go home.

Two U.S. intelligence officials in Washington confirmed the plot but said it did not appear to be fully planned out, nor was it clear that militants would be able to carry out any attacks. Both U.S. officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still underway.

Airports in Baghdad and Najaf were shuttered last week as intelligence officials said they learned of the plot.

The airport in Najaf remains closed because of its proximity to the gold-domed Imam Ali shrine, one of the most revered Shiite religious mosques in the world, one of the officials said.

Iraqi Defence Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi told reporters in Najaf that the airport "will be reopened soon, after discussing the needed security measures." He said the intelligence about the attacks is unclear but "at the same time, we can't neglect them."

He did not confirm or comment on any of the specific allegations.

Al-Qaida in Iraq has been blamed for recent violence in Baghdad, and security officials believe the terror network is trying to regroup during the political disarray left by the March 7 parliamentary elections, which failed to produce a clear winner.

The alleged plot also comes as American forces plan to send home all but 50,000 troops by Aug. 31, with the rest scheduled to follow by the end of 2011 as required by a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement.

Targeting holy sites has long been a hallmark of the Sunni-dominated al-Qaida in Iraq to stoke sectarian retaliation and bring Iraq back to the brink of civil war.

In central Baghdad, a bomb went off at about 2 p.m. inside a warehouse, killing three people and wounding six, according to police and hospital officials. The bomb, which was left in the basement of the warehouse, also caused damage to nearby buildings.

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News in brief

ORGAN DONATION A man received what he thought were the cremated remains of his wife's body after donating her organs to science — only to learn a few weeks later that police found her body, intact, at the company that was supposed to handle the donation. Philip Fajardo is one of two people suing Bio Care alleging it gave them ashes it represented as the remains of loved ones. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Honduras finally agrees to hand off land to farm workers

The Honduran government reached a deal yesterday to grant land to thousands of farm workers occupying plantations in a standoff that raised fears of unrest nearly a year after a coup. About 11,000 hectares will go to 3,000 farm workers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Gaza tunnels back in business

Hamas temporarily closed Gaza's smuggling tunnels in response to an Israeli warning of a plot to kidnap Israelis vacationing in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and drag them into Gaza through the underground passageways, officials said yesterday.

The unprecedented step briefly cut off a key economic lifeline to the blockaded Palestinian territory, ruled by the Islamic militant Hamas since its violent takeover in 2007.

A senior Hamas government official said the cross-border tunnels were closed at the request of Egypt, which relayed the Israeli concerns. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss contacts with Egypt.

Another Hamas official said the decision was also partly prompted by concerns that Israel could bomb the tunnels under the Egypt-Gaza border. Hamas, increasingly isolated, may also have wanted to avoid further friction with Israel and Egypt.

The order came just hours after Israel told its citizens to leave Sinai, saying it had "concrete" evidence that militants were trying to abduct Israelis and possibly take them to Gaza. The tunnels would be the only route to drag captives into Gaza.

By late yesterday afternoon, smuggling had resumed, but it was not clear whether the tunnels had reopened for good.

A Hamas security official on the border said the reprieve was temporary to allow owners to retrieve shipments stranded underground. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S. pursues new sanctions on Iran

WASHINGTON Iran could amass enough nuclear material to build a bomb in about a year and with help might eventually be able to field a missile powerful enough to reach the United States, senior military and intelligence officials said yesterday. Four top representatives of the Obama administration told Congress they are pursuing new sanctions on Iran urgently and added that a military strike has not been ruled out. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Indonesia Protest turns deadly

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Two people died, about 130 wounded. Protesters believed Jakarta officials were trying to remove a Muslim cleric's tomb.

Hezbollah possesses Scuds: Israel

JERUSALEM Israeli defence officials said yesterday they believe Hezbollah has Scud missiles that could hit all of Israel, a day after Israel's president accused Syria of supplying the Lebanese guerrillas with the weapons for the first time.

Israeli officials say the introduction of Scuds could alter the strategic balance with Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed militia that battled Israel to a stalemate during a month-long war in 2006.

President Shimon Peres, speaking in Paris, charged that Syria talks about peace while "delivering Scuds to Hezbollah to threaten Israel," according to a statement from his office.

In Washington, the Syrian Embassy dismissed the allegations and accused Israel of trying to divert attention from Israel's nuclear program. Israel is widely believed to possess nuclear arms, though it does not confirm or deny this.

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This homework sounds appealing

Relating

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You learn so much on this beat. I'm informed, for example, that April is "Couple Appreciation Month." No doubt you already have big plans.

If the idea of yet another contrived opportunity to fall short of your partner's expectations — one with a duration 30 times that of Valentine's Day — infuses you with a certain familiar dread, I can assure you that you are not alone.

Sex therapist Teesha Morgan, online host of the K-Y Intimacy Experiment, tried to allay my panic by explaining the difference.

"Valentine's Day is more of a singular day that has a lot to do with the female, you know, wooing the girlfriend or the wife, or buying her flowers," she says. "I think Couple Appreciation is more of a joint thing for the man and woman. And longer lasting."

The K-Y Intimacy Experiment is an attempt to help couples rediscover what got them together in the first place.

It began in December with a survey of about 1,000 couples in relationships of three years or more. Of the respondents, 56 per cent reported their sex lives had taken a dive over time. Ninety per cent said they'd be willing to try something new, but few knew what.

That's where Morgan's experiment comes in. She takes three couples through a 12-week course of exercises designed to get them out of their usual routines and, hopefully, back into each other.

Watching the episodes online, it's light, fun viewing, employing many familiar reality TV tropes as couples take dance lessons, learn massage techniques and go shopping for lingerie together.

"Sometimes we get in little ruts in our relationships and throughout life, and being able to spice things up with even something simple like buying a new type of lingerie and going outside of your box can make huge strides in a relationship," Morgan tells me. "Bringing back that little spark of something new I think is really important. You can't do the same thing over and over again and expect different results, right?"

You can check out the K-Y Experiment and download homework assignments for couples at youtube.com/ky.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Left? Right? Honk if you have an opinion

FourthWave

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I took a road trip this past weekend to the political heart of America: Washington, D.C. I knew I'd be in for some political amusement, between the circus of health-care reform, teabaggers, and financial meltdown.

And how! Seemingly everywhere I turned everyone had opinions, flapping flags or placards; everything was up for debate!

I passed billboards and signs, either for or against everything: Bank bailouts, mortgages, abortion, politicians, Obama, Supreme Court nominations. Though my political stripes run liberal, I couldn't help but laugh at all the hyperbolic statements equally: A Prius in front of us was emblazoned with an "ITMFA" sticker — that is, "Impeach The Motherf—er (that is, George Bush) Already" next to an Obama-Biden 2008 decal. The pickup truck next to it displayed a "Stop Kerry" relic (circa 2006) next to a Confederate flag.

Perhaps it's all a byproduct of American values, or the two-party system that encourages people to take sides; maybe a country built on a people's revolution and the First Amendment can only inspire outspoken, black-and-white zeal.

We're complex human beings, capable of careful discussion and give-and-take. How can anyone possibly distill an opinion on, say, the health-care reform bill (which has more pages than War And Peace) into a catchphrase? The reductive quality of a bumper sticker doesn't change anyone's mind — they are merely rallying points for the fervent, rather than talking points for the open-minded.

Though it's not my country's politics to meddle in, consider how Canadian politicos take cues from the U.S. Maybe it is worth a cautionary word or two. If only I could fit that statement on a bumper sticker.

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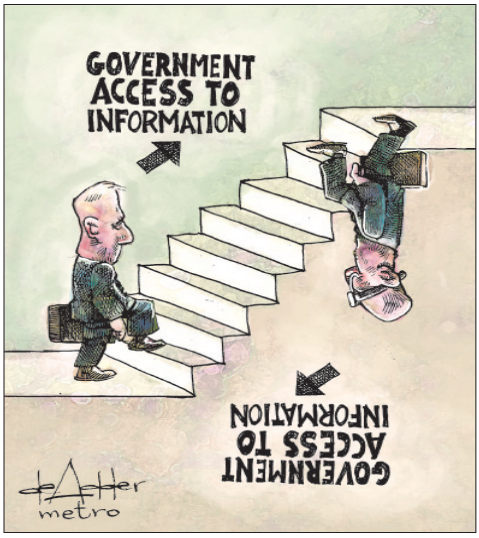
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Oilsands deal gives China a veto

It appears the Chinese state oil company's deal to gain a stake in Alberta's Syncrude oilsands operation gives it a veto over whether to process bitumen in the province or export it. The government of Alberta has been trying to encourage companies to process the bitumen in the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Barrick mine can continue

MINING Barrick Gold Corp. is welcoming a U.S. court decision that will allow the Toronto-based gold miner to forge ahead with its Cortez Hills mine in Nevada.

A coalition of opponents had asked for a complete halt of work at the project while the U.S. Bureau of Land Management conducted a study of certain aspects.

Instead, Judge Larry Hicks came up with what Barrick calls a "more tailored" injunction.

Barrick won't shift ore off the Cortez Hills site for processing while the study is being conducted and made available for public comment.

The amount of water pumped from the mine will also be limited.

Barrick said it expects the study and public comment to be completed prior to the end of this year.

"The court's order is a great relief to all of us at Barrick, especially to the many people who are directly employed at Cortez Hills," said Greg Lang, president of Barrick's North America Region.

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RIM buys back more shares

TECH Research In Motion Ltd. announced yesterday a buyback of two million common shares through private agreements with a non-related third-party financial institution.

The buyback, representing 0.36 per cent of common shares outstanding, is in addition to the 3.9 million shares that RIM has purchased through the Nasdaq since the beginning of April.

The BlackBerry maker said the latest buybacks substantially complete the $1.2-billion US share repurchase program it announced last November.

At the time, RIM said it planned to buy up to 21 million shares, or 3.6 per cent of those outstanding.

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Tarsands break NAFTA rules: Group

Green groups are taking their complaints about the Alberta tarsands to an environmental watchdog set up under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Environmental Defence Canada is spearheading the move to enlist NAFTA in the fight against the tarsands.

The group says it has filed a formal submission with the NAFTA Commission for Environmental Co-operation. It complains that the federal government isn't enforcing its own pollution rules against tarsands projects.

Matt Price of Environmental Defence says the trade body could take the failure to enforce the rules as a kind of subsidy for the tarsands, a no-no under the trade pact. At the very least, he says, the submission could shame the government into action.

Price says tailings ponds, which hold tainted waste water from the tarsands plants, leak billions of litres into streams and rivers every year.

The federal Fisheries Act prohibits pollution of fish-inhabited waters.

Price says the government has to be prodded to action. "It's failing to do anything, really, to clean up the tarsands," he says.

It could take months for the commission to decide whether to hear the complaint and a final decision could take years.

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Business in brief

AUTOS The growing use of incentives as a weapon in the fierce battle between automakers for market share could "significantly undermine" the industry's recovery, according to a report by the DBRS rating service.

When one automaker offers incentives such as zero per cent financing or cash rebates to get customers into its showrooms, its competitors generally have little choice but to follow suit.

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Bombardier recovering steadily

AEROSPACE Bombardier likely faces a slow recovery while other Canadian aerospace companies begin to prosper as a result of the rebound in commercial aviation, industry analysts said yesterday.

"There's at least another year, year-and-a-half of sluggishness in the business jet market, regionals got at least another sluggish year and then probably no real growth after that," Richard Aboulafia of the Teal Group said in an interview.

On Wednesday, however, Bombardier announced that Pluna Lineas Aereas Uruguayas S.A. has signed a follow-on firm order for three CRJ900 NextGen regional jets and has taken options on an additional six CRJ900 NextGen aircraft.

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Rising fuel prices a sign of optimism in China
China raised fuel prices yesterday for the first time in five months, showing confidence it can control inflation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Suffering from success

U.S. buyers have been snapping up the iPad so quickly that Apple Inc. is delaying the tablet computer's overseas debut a second time, the company said yesterday.

Apple said it will now start taking orders for the iPad from international buyers, including Canadians, on May 10.

In January, it said the iPad would be sold worldwide in late March. It started selling them in the U.S. on April 3, but delayed plans for the international launch until late in April.

Word of the second delay didn't faze Apple investors, who are eager to see signs the iPad is selling well. Apple shares rose 1.3 per cent in premarket trading.

Apple said has delivered more than 500,000 iPads in the U.S. and has taken "a large number" of orders for the coming models that can go online over cellular broadband rather than solely via Wi-Fi.

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Best Buy employee Edwin Valadez brings Apple iPads out to be stocked before an Apple Store opens in Chicago.

Canwest's good news won't help asset sale

EARNINGS Canwest Global Communications Corp. has tightened its latest quarterly losses, but observers suggest the improved results will have little impact on the sale of its assets.

The Winnipeg-based media conglomerate is in the process of selling its newspapers and television stations, and while blockbuster earnings might have pushed some prospective buyers to ramp up their bids for the newspapers, such an outcome was always a long shot, some said.

"Nobody is surprised by this," said Duncan Stewart, director of research and analysis at DSam Consulting, in reaction to the earnings.

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Raptors beat Knicks but miss playoffs
DeMar DeRozan had a career-high 24 points as the Toronto Raptors beat the New York Knicks 131-113 last night, but fell short of reaching the NBA post-season. Toronto needed Chicago to lose in Charlotte, but the Bulls didn't comply — they defeated the Bobcats 98-89 to lock up the eighth spot in the Eastern Conference. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports

Blues keep Payne as coach

The St. Louis Blues took the interim tag off head coach Davis Payne's title yesterday. Payne, left, who was named interim head coach Jan. 2, is the 23rd coach in franchise history. The 39-year-old, who is currently the youngest coach in the NHL, guided the Blues to a 23-15-4 record after taking over from Andy Murray. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports in brief

MLB Carlos Quentin drove in a career-best six runs with a grand slam and a double as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 11-1 yesterday before a crowd of 10,610, the lowest in Rogers Centre history.

CFL The CFL's board of governors has approved a rule change requiring teams to go for a two-point convert in overtime rather than kick for a single point. The proposal was brought forward by the league's rules committee.

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Defence the key for Canucks

All season long the Vancouver Canucks have managed to outscore their mistakes.

If goaltender Roberto Luongo had a bad night, if the defence was limping with injuries, the Canucks fixed the problem by scoring goals.

Having that firepower is a great security blanket. But the Canucks know they will be flirting with disaster if they don't tighten up on defence when they open their first-round NHL playoff series tonight against the Los Angeles Kings (CBC, 7 p.m.).

"In the playoffs you don't want to be down two or three goals going into the third period," NHL scoring champion Henrik Sedin said yesterday. "The team is going to be extremely focused on playing defence.

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Vancouver's Evan Oberg, right, is framed by Ryan Kesler, left, as they skate yesterday during team practice in Vancouver. The Canucks and Los Angeles Kings open their Western Conference quarter-final playoff series today.

"In the regular season you get away with it a little because maybe the focus isn't 100 per cent on defence in the third. In the playoffs, it will be."

The Canucks were good at dodging bullets during the regular season. They led the league by battling back for 11 wins after trailing games following two periods.

"We do tend to make mistakes and give up goals that aren't considered good goals," said centre Kyle Wellwood.

"We know there are guys in this room who can step up their game and score any time.

"It's nice we can come back in the third."

Luongo said you must play a different game in the playoffs.

"It's a bit tighter and the intensity is higher," said Luongo, who backstopped Canada to a gold medal during the Olympics. "There are not as many high-scoring games.

"Sometimes we might need a goal in the third. We are confident of our ability to put the puck in the net and be able to do that."

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Kansas City 7 Detroit 3
L.A. Angels 5 N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 9 Baltimore 1
Texas 6 Cleveland 2
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Sens, Flyers score surprise wins

Erik Karlsson and Chris Kelly scored on power plays in the second period and Ottawa ignored its underdog tag, surprising the Stanley Cup champions with a victory in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round series. At Newark, N.J., Brian Boucher had 23 saves and Philadelphia beat New Jersey. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Avalanche upset Sharks

(Colorado leads 1-0)

Avalanche 2 **Sharks** 1

VS

NHL Chris Stewart's shot deflected off San Jose defender Rob Blake's skate and into the net with 50 seconds left in regulation to give the Colorado Avalanche a 2-1 victory yesterday night in the opener of the first-round series.

The loss was just the latest playoff disappointment for the Sharks, who have made a bad habit of following up stellar regular seasons with early post-season exits. San Jose has lost Game 1 at home in its past four playoff series.

This was especially shocking, considering it came against an Avalanche team that had the worst record in the West a year ago. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Coyote power play prevails

(Phoenix leads 1-0)

Red Wings 2 **Coyotes** 3

VS

Derek Morris broke a tie early in the third period and assisted on two other power-play goals in the Phoenix Coyotes' 3-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 1 of the Western Conference series yesterday night.

Keith Yandle and Wojtek Wolski also scored, and Ilya Bryzgalov made 38 saves to help the Coyotes win a playoff game for the first time since April 20, 2002, the last year they were in the post-season.

Tomas Holmstrom and Nicklas Lidstrom scored for the Red Wings.

Detroit goalie Jimmy Howard lost in regulation for the first time since March 9.

The Coyotes are the better seed in the No. 4 vs. No. 5 first-round matchup, but lack the post-season experience of the Red Wings, who are in the playoffs for the 19th straight year. Phoenix last won the first game of a playoff series in 1992, back when the team was the Winnipeg Jets.

The Coyotes were 28th in the NHL on the power play in the regular season and went 0 for 20 on the power play over their final five games of the regular season, but scored on their first three-man advantages against the Red Wings.

Howard, in his first post-season game, made 32 saves. He was 13-0-2 in his last 15 games.

Matthew Lombardi added two assists for the Coyotes.

Morris scored the winner and gave Phoenix its first lead at 2:19 of the third period when he walked into the slot and blasted a shot off Howard's shoulder and into the net. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Phoenix Coyotes' Derek Morris, right, celebrates with Shane Doan after a goal against the Detroit Red Wings by teammate Wojtek Wolski.

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Tasty touch

A used champagne bucket can be used for something other than bubbly. Try planting an orchid in it or use it to hold kitchen utensils.

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Village atmosphere, urban convenience

Carefully crafted details make South Point community welcoming space to any owners

Suite **Talk**

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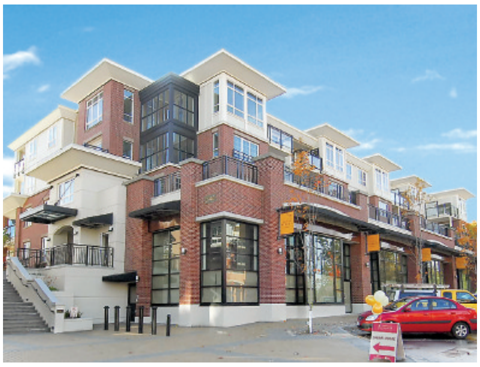
City living meets the spacious comfort of being “off the beaten track” at High Street at South Point, a newly completed development in the burgeoning community of South Surrey.

High Street strikes a balance of modern style and timeless warmth, and is surrounded by shops, cafes and restaurants, offering urban convenience in a vibrant village atmosphere.

James Patillo, senior vice president and general manager of the internationally renowned developer Grosvenor Americas, says that while many new developments are jammed into small lots and surrounded by a concrete jungle, High Street is ideally located minutes from White Rock’s beaches, forest and trail parks.



Seen here are some shots from High Street at South Point

The two four-storey buildings were designed with style and sophistication in mind and features classic architectural details such as moulded cornices and rich wood trim in their contemporary collection of 88 one-bedroom plus den to three-bedroom flats.

“The quality speaks for itself. Every detail of High Street has been carefully thought out,” said Patillo. “We went the extra mile to ensure our purchasers have a home that they are proud to live in and show off to their friends and family.”

Creating a welcoming space with a functional free-flowing floor plan, the interior is warm and elegant with rich wood cabinets contrasted by brushed steel edging and a fireplace nestled within a sleek wood mantel.

Kitchens feature thick stone countertops, hand-laid ceramic tile backsplashes and a six-piece professional Whirlpool Gold appliance package chosen by acclaimed architecture firm Rositch Hemphill & Associates.

Residents will have access to a fully equipped fitness centre, entertainment lounge and a large patio with an outdoor fireplace and barbeque area.

“It’s hard for people to find a community that offers the amenities and style that you see in High Street at such an affordable price,” says Patillo.

Prices start at $279,900 for a one-bedroom, two-bedrooms from $359,900 and three-bedrooms start at $459,900. High Street is hosting a complementary luncheon today at noon for realtors across the Lower Mainland. The location is part of a master plan the developer has for the South Point neighbourhood, which will be presented today at the South Point 20/20 event.

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Time to go bohemian, Gypsy chic

Decor**Moment**

Karl Lohnes

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There’s a new look starting to emerge in home decor stores; its a colourful, Gypsy-like style that reminds me a bit of the psychedelic ‘70s era. Bright colours, bold prints and flea market style is like taking grandma’s furniture and giving it new perspective; imagine a Victorian chaise lounge reupholstered with a high-tech fabric, or an old Queen-Anne dresser being painted high gloss pink. This sort of decorating can help add a lot of character to a bland interior and also inject antique-shapes with a modern esthetic. Many of the home and fashion retailers have this look; Anthropologie, Pier1, Elte and Urban Outfitters are just a few culprits. It’s mixing the best of antiques with the contemporary trends of tomorrow.

With yard sales and flea markets just around the corner, it’s a great time to scout for vintage decorative pieces that you can give new like to. It’s not only a green and chic way to decorate, it also a great way to have a customized look in your home and save some money.

Anthropologie’s Bergere Chair takes an updated look with a large floral print.

Here are a few fun projects that you can take on

Paint an old dresser: Use high-gloss paint to add shine with a high-fashion paint colour like dark grey or bright yellow and attach new hardware for character.

Transform vintage drapery fabrics into pillows and a bedskirt for the bed. Need a sewer? Ask the local drycleaners, inquire at a fabric store or call your grandma.

Add a modern shade to an old lamp. Places like Wal-Mart and Zellers have incredible lampshapdes for sale; I suggest embellishing them with a simple strip of ribbon or glueing bright silk flowers for the bohemian look.

Re-frame funky artwork with an up-to-date frame. An alternative would be to paint the existing frame with a splash of colour.

Things to look for at yard sales

Birdcages: Turn into a lamp, grow plants in them, attach to wall as storage.

Camel back sofas: The curvy shapes are trendy but remember to re-upholster in a funky fabric rather than anything traditional.

Urban Outfitters’ Wire Drop Shelf holds great inspiration for an old bird cage.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.

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Style

Biker-chic gear

Whether you are a real biker babe or just want to rock the look, Harley-Davidson Canada's Pink Label collection offers several wearable pieces to test drive. Launched just this year, the collection is comprised of jackets, pants, eyewear, gloves, helmets, shirts and more — all with a touch of pink. Ten per cent of proceeds are donated to Rethink Breast Cancer. The Pink Label Collection is available at participating Harley-Davidson retailers across Canada; you can also visit garageparty.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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Low cost, high style

Affordable lines from notable names continue to loom large

It seems there is no shortage of top-tier designers looking to bring their high-end style and fashion sensibilities to low-cost lines.

Since Karl Lagerfeld teamed up with Swedish fashion chain H&M on an exclusive collection in 2004, the number of high-fashion notables lending their names and creative talents to special collections for mass retailers has skyrocketed and shows no signs of abating.

American designer Zac Posen is among the latest to join the affordable apparel fold. He is creating a collection for U.S. retailer Target, slated for release later this month, following Jean Paul Gaultier and sisters Kate and Laura Mulleavy of Rodarte.

Gap recently announced the launch of the second collection of Stella McCartney for Gap Kids and Baby Gap. The British designer is among a host of notables, including Roberto Cavalli, Jimmy Choo and Madonna, who have followed Lagerfeld in the highly popular collaborations with H&M. The special collections for the retailer have been known to spark frenzied shopping sprees among customers clamouring for the limited-edition pieces.

Canada's Alfred Sung has been among those carving out his own niche in affordable apparel with his line for Zellers.

Pure Alfred Sung launched last year with professional separates and accessories. It has expanded this spring and summer to bring casual wear, footwear, outerwear and accessories into the mix, with apparel pieces retailing for under $40, and select pieces in plus sizing.

"I wanted to provide the average customer with something that's really sophisticated, classic without being boring and with a little bit of surprise here and there; something that's easy to wear dedicated to a wide variety of body shapes," Sung said in an interview describing the new collection, which runs the gamut from casual tees and jeans to dressier separates, including boyfriend jackets, printed blouses and slim skirts.

Sung said there is "obviously" a need in the marketplace for affordable apparel.

"The economy has not been the greatest in recent years, and I think you've got to cater to people that can't afford to buy expensive clothes anymore," he said. "There's a need out there for affordable clothes that look sophisticated, well-designed with great quality at an unbelievable price."

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The Alfred Sung Pure line is available at Zellers

Right: Pure Alfred Sung jacket ($39.97); polka dot blouse ($22.97); straight leg pant ($29.97).

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Minor replaces Eubanks on Tonight

NBC announced it has hired American Idol music director Rickey Minor to serve as music director of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, replacing Leno's longtime bandleader Kevin Eubanks, who is stepping down from the job. **EW.COM**

Entertainment

Juno lineup

Deadmau5, Hedley, and Newfoundland and Labrador natives Damhnait Doyle, Great Big Sea, and Kim Stockwood have joined Sunday's Juno broadcast. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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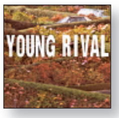
Strong debut for Young Rival

Young Rival plays tight, four-minute bottle drainers, not quite retro-Mod, not-quite punk.

Young Rival

Album: Young Rival
Label: Sonic Unyon
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐🌐



THE GUITARS CRASH through the garage doors of this album with the raw power of early Iggy Pop. Yet the vocals are nasally British-invasion-era Kinks and Yardbirds. It's a mix that could only come after six or seven years playing the gritty bars of Hamilton, Ont. Young Rival plays tight, four-minute bottle drainers, not quite retro-Mod, not-quite punk. And they're very good at what they do. If the guitars don't lead you to the edge, the bass and drums will push you over. A very strong album debut.

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MGMT

Album: Congratulations
Label: Columbia/Sony Music
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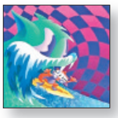

IF EVERY BAND followed up a successful album the way MGMT has, the music world would be a much more interesting place. The group's first release since the popular electro-pop Oracular Spectacular is a complete departure from the sound that made them famous. Instead of club-ready dance hits, the group takes up Beach Boys, psychedelia, new wave and more. Some will find it harder to find the hooks, but when you do you'll see this is an excellent, well-crafted, unpredictable and still infectious listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Cancer Bats

Album: Bears, Mayors, Scraps and Bones
Label: Distort
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐½

DON'T LET THE cover of the Beastie Boys' Sabotage fool you — Cancer Bats merely tacked it for kicks. What precedes it is 13 slabs of crusty, punk-infused metalcore that strikes like a brick to the face. Having tasted success both here and in the U.K., the Toronto band's third album definitely sets them up to become the anomaly in Canada's aggressive music scene. You can still hear the sum of their influences loud and clear (Pantera, Cursed, Converge), but originality is a non-issue when it comes to the catchy choruses and unbridled vehemence that hemorrhage from within Cancer Bats.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Jeff Beck

Album: Emotion And Commotion
Label: Atco/Warner
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐

BRACING FOR THE unexpected is the safest bet when it comes to Jeff Beck. The bold and eclectic guitar virtuoso has always pushed the parameters of what constitutes rock. In keeping with that mentality, from the serene, orchestral moodiness of Corpus Christi Carol and Never Alone through solo-driven Over The Rainbow and primal I Put A Spell On You with Joss Stone, he embraces a softer, gentler approach on Emotion And Commotion. Still, Beck pulls a few new guitar guru tricks out of his sleeve here and there — most notably via rugged, swaggering Hammerhead — making this effort occasionally striking and immaculate despite feeling generally slow and saccharine for a guitar hero.

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Library Voices

Album: Denim on Denim
Label: Young Soul
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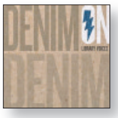

EIGHT PEOPLE IN a Canadian band equals the next Broken Social Scene, right? Nope. Not this time. Library Voices is a wonderful rock group from Regina who plays clean, bouncy pop along the lines of The New Pornographers. Their debut is a solid listen, filled with catchy harmonies, electro flourishes and powerful vocals from singer Carl Johnson. There's a reason this band is getting a lot of buzz — their songs are simple, easy to sing to and sound great at a party. They're still a young band and it shows — the production needs work and the songwriting could be stronger, but this is definitely an act to watch.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Love and life come together for Lily Frost

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Welcome to the warmer side of Lily Frost.

Over the past half decade, pop-influenced singer-songwriter Lily Frost has garnered much attention for her expressive, sentimentality and viral melodies that have prompted many prominent television programs to feature her regularly. Yet despite an innate ability to craft fetching tunes, it's Frost's touching lyrics on life and love that have truly won over listeners.

Still, with her latest full-length Viridian Torch (Aporia), we are about to experience a fresh perspective on the Toronto-based chanteuse. Named in honour of a passion for nature while avoiding being mired in ecological issues, the album celebrates greenery and finds Frost in an enviable state of musical and personal cohesion.

"I feel like for the first time, everything has come together," she beams, noting how marriage and family life has shifted her creative focus. "I'm not yearning for love. A lot of my songs in the past were about searching for it, feeling lonely, unrequited love and things like that. Now, however, I'm offering back. Not that writing from the heart about other things is vanity but I'm not just talking about myself. I'm giving back to a place and people that gave me so much."

Based on and influenced by her roots in and around familial land near Georgian Bay, Viridian Torch reveals much more cathartic poetry than even Frost initially considered. Still, the journey to realizing and embracing her longstanding love of the homestead was not an easy one. After five albums of personal reflection, altering her modus and subject matter away from the obviousness of love was almost terrifying.

"(Once happy,) I worried that I wouldn't have (lyrical) fodder until I realized I should turn my focus to something I feel as strongly about that isn't a man or some conflicted interpersonal relationship," she admits. "I always wondered how people could write happy songs. I wanted to get out of my melancholic state of mind; beyond myself and offer something more."

Unsurprisingly, by tapping into her new-found enchantment, Frost accomplishes a wealth of blissful tunes quite easily. And while Viridian Torch is a vast departure from her previously doleful outings, musically the album is still replete with her tender carousing she defines as, "reminiscent of 1960s France; a Serge Gainsbourg-ish non-categorical art project over straightforward pop."

However, as happiness continually threatens to be fleeting, will Frost adhere to this sense of musical progressiveness? Does Viridian Torch reveal a vast, indelible shift towards a broader, loose focus? Assuredly, she acknowledges, but only in terms of conceptual foundations.

"What might stick now is having a conceptual vision of making records as opposed to just drawing inspiration from here and there, putting them all together and calling them a record."

Viridian Torch finds Lily Frost in an enviable state of musical and personal cohesion.

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Footage of Jim Morrison as seen in the new documentary When You're Strange.

Opening new Doors

When You're Strange

Director: Tom DiCillo
Stars: Johnny Depp (narrator)
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Jim Morrison and The Doors probably didn't need another film dedicated to their all-to-brief legacy (particularly after Oliver Stone's drug-fueled naked Indian epic), but Tom DiCillo's lovingly crafted documentary is an interesting watch nonetheless.

The rock-doc is refreshingly "talking head" free with no tired nostalgic interviews from bandmates or rock 'n' roll journalists pontificating on the band's place in history. Instead the film is comprised almost entirely of rare footage, photographs, and recordings of The Doors.

The audience is invited into the studio, backstage, on the road, and at home with the band and the result is a surprisingly intimate portrayal held together by some admittedly pretentious narration from Johnny Depp.

A variety of live performance clips show the power The Doors had on stage, while other more depressing home movies reveal the substance abuse problems that tore them apart.

Fans of the band are sure to be blown away by the immense amount of footage that director Tom DiCillo (Living In Oblivion) managed to dig up, but it's unlikely that the film will win over any Doors detractors.

Morrison's legacy is still questionable and while the film positions him as a rock 'n' roll poet, it's hard to ignore all the stoned and drunken ramblings in vintage interviews that suggest he was a little less than a genius.

DiCillo has crafted quite an interesting documentary that offers an intriguing portrayal of The Doors story; however, he's also clearly a fanboy and his lack of objectivity can be irritating.

Forbidden love forbidden words

BOOKS Stephenie Meyer, the hottest author for young people since J.K. Rowling, has a new link to the creator of Harry Potter: a place high on the list of books most complained about by parents and educators.

Meyer's multimillion-selling Twilight series was ranked No. 5 on the annual report of "challenged books" released yesterday by the American Library Association. Meyer's stories of vampires and teen romance have been criticized for sexual content.

A library association official also thinks that the Twilight series reflects general unease about supernatural stories.

new moon
STEPHENIE MEYER
AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER TWILIGHT

"Vampire novels have been a target for years and the Twilight books are so immensely popular that a lot of the concerns people have had about vampires are focused on her books," said Barbara Jones, director of the association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

Christian groups for years have protested the themes of wizardry in Rowling's books, which don't appear on the current top 10.

Topping the 2009 chart was Lauren Myracle's IM series, novels told through instant messages that have been criticized for nudity, language and drug references.

Last year's No. 1 book, And Tango Makes Three, by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson, is now No. 2, cited again for its story about two male penguins adopting a baby. Third was Stephen Chbosky's The Perks of Being a Wallflower, for which the many reasons include drugs, suicide, homosexuality and being anti-family.

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Weisz pick for Jackie

The hot spec script Jackie, about the immediate days following President Kennedy's assassination, is getting the big screen treatment with Academy-Award winning actress Rachel Weisz now attached to play the late first lady. **EW.COM**

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Cable networks catching up

Conan's move to TBS latest example of growing trend

If you believe the headlines, Conan O'Brien's decision to sign with cable's TBS is "shocking."

Really, though, only Fox should be shocked — at how O'Brien was spirited away at a time the network acted like it had little competition for the late-night comic's services. It's another example of how cable networks, while not quite on par with broadcasters, are getting closer every day.

"I certainly don't think anybody going to cable today is shocking," said Michele Ganeless, Comedy Central's executive vice-president and general manager.

"Whether it's comedy or drama, cable has been leading the way over the last five years."

As a cable guy, O'Brien has plenty of company. Oprah Winfrey is starting her own network, ending her broadcast show and committing to appearances at her place. Sarah Palin has programs at both Fox News Channel and Discovery. The college football national championship is moving to cable.

TV host Conan O'Brien has surprised the entertainment industry by signing a deal for a show with cable network TBS.

The phrases "broadcast network" and "cable network" are swiftly becoming an anachronism.

Less than 10 per cent of American homes received TV signals by broadcast in February, or 11.1 million, the Nielsen Co. said. In 1999, a quarter of American homes were broadcast homes, and had no access to TBS, USA, TLC and 24-hour news.

Now, TBS is seen in more than 100 million of the nation's 114.9 million television homes. Given the trouble that some Fox affiliates were having in clearing time for him all across the country, O'Brien may debut before more people next fall on TBS than he would have at Fox.

"There is no broadcast-versus-cable war anymore," said TBS President Steve Koonin. "It only exists in the minds of the advertisers. This will be the third year that Koonin tells advertisers about his fall schedule during the same May week that has traditionally been set aside for the broadcasters. His message is plain: Treat us equally.

"Cable has had parity in late-night for a while," said television analyst Steven Sternberg. "It just hasn't had it in the press."

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	254	-	8 OMNI	**Two/Half Men**	**Two/Half Men**	**Omni News: Mandarin Edition**		**Omni News: Punjabi Edition**		**Law & Order: Criminal Intent**		**Metropia**
	250	321	9 CTV	**The Vampire Diaries** (N)		**Law & Order** (CC)		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n**		**The Mentalist** (CC)		**CTV News**
	-	-	10 JOY	**Frasier** (CC)	**The Insider**	**Stargate SG-1** (CC)		**Supernatural** (N) (CC)		**P3**	**Diya** (CC)	**New Day**
	252	336	11 GTV	**Entertainment**	**ET Canada**	**Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains**		**Saturday Night Live in the 2000s: Time and Again** (N) (CC)				**News**
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	289	381	15 CBS	**Entertainment**	**The Insider**	**Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains**		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n**		**The Mentalist** (CC)		**KIRO 7 News**
	287	379	16 NBC	**Evening Mag.**	**Inside Edition**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**Saturday Night Live in the 2000s: Time and Again** (N) (CC)				**KING 5 News**
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	288	380	21 ABC	**Wheel Fortune**	**Jeopardy!** (N)	**FlashForward** (N) (CC)		**Grey's Anatomy** (CC)		**(:01) Private Practice** (CC)		**KOMO 4 News**
	-	-	23 KVOS	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**The Island on Bird Street** ★★ (1997, Drama) Patrick Bergin.				**Seinfeld**	**King**	**Cold Case**
	291	383	27 PBS	**Field Guide**	**Steves Europe**	**Doc Martin** (CC)		**Poirot** (CC)		**Celebrating North America's Steam Railways**		
	290	382	28 FOX	**Two/Half Men**	**Two/Half Men**	**Bones** (N) (PA) (CC)		**Fringe** "White Tulip" (N) (PA)		**Q13 FOX News at Ten** (N)		**Family Guy**
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	296	654	64 SBK	**Frasier** (CC)	**Frasier** (CC)	**The Office**	**Name Is Earl**	**South Park**	**Half & Half**	**Paid Program**	**Street Court**	**Cold Case**
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news	502	390	26 NW	**CBC News: The National** (N)		**CBC News: The National** (N)		**CBC News: The National** (N)		**Doc Zone** Battle for the Arctic.		**National**
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sports	407	419	22 RSP	**Sportsnet**	**MLB Baseball** Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers.					**Sportsnet Connected** (Live)		**Sportsnet**
	400	400	30 TSN	**SportsCentre** (Live) (CC)			**Off the Record**	**Boxing** Bernard Hopkins vs. Roy Jones, Jr. (CC)				**SportsCentre**
	411	457	49 OLN	**Ghost Hunters** (CC)		**Destination Truth** (CC)		**Oper. Repo**	**Oper. Repo**	**Ghost Hunters** (CC)		**Ghost Hunters**
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	417	406	55 SC	**Bullrun** (N)		**Pass Time**	**NASCAR Hub**	**Fast Track to Fame**		**Bullrun**		**F1 Racing**
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	557	541	51 FAM	**Sonny Chance**	**Suite Life**	**Overruled!** (N)	**Han. Montana**	**Wizards-Place**	**Latest Buzz**	**Ned's School**	**Cory in House**	**That's-Raven**
	553	546	56 TRE	**Little Bear**	**Toopy**	**Max & Ruby**	**Dragon**	**Backyard**	**Ni Hao, Kai**	**Go, Diego, Go!**	**Franklin**	**Comfy Couch**
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	615	520	31 A&E	**Fugitive Chronicles** "DiMeo"		**Fugitive Chronicles** (CC)		**(:01) The First 48** (CC)		**(:01) The First 48** (CC)		**Fugitive**
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	521	560	34 TLC	**LA Ink** (N) (CC)		**Police Women of Maricopa**		**LA Ink** (CC)		**Police Women of Maricopa**		**LA Ink** (CC)
	616	522	39 SHO	**Relic Hunter** (CC)		**Safe Harbor** (2006, Suspense) Tracey Gold. (CC)				**Damages** (N) (CC)		**Cra$h & Burn**
	620	523	40 BVO	**(6:00) Eighteen** (2004, Drama)		**Law & Order** "Shadow" (CC)		**Without a Trace** "Manhunt"		**Eighteen** (2004) Brendan Fletcher. (CC) (DVS)		
	601	562	41 SLC	**Chop Shop**	**Chop Shop**	**ET Canada**	**What**	**Real Housewives OC**		**Real Housewives of Jersey**		**Runway**
	520	505	42 DIS	**MythBusters** (CC)		**Daily Planet** (CC)		**King Tut Unwrapped** How Tutankhamen lived and died. (CC)				**MythBusters**
	522	506	44 HIS	**Ice Road Truckers**		**Ice Pilots NWT** (CC)		**Ax Men** (CC)		**Ancient Discoveries** (CC)		**Re-Inventors**
	627	528	45 SPC	**Lost** "Everybody Loves Hugo"		**InnerSpace**	**Stargate SG-1** "Orpheus"		**Star Trek: Next Gener.**		**Star Trek: Voyager** "Rise"	
	294	650	47 TBS	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Lopez Tonight** (N)		**Name Is Earl**	**Name Is Earl**	**Sex and-City**	**Sex and-City**	**Lopez Tonight**
	619	525	48 TROP	**Reality**	**Whatever**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**	**'70s Show**	**King**	**Comeback**
	603	561	52 FN	**Ace of Cakes**	**Ace of Cakes**	**Bitchin**	**Brian Boitano**	**Diner, Drive-In**	**Unwrapped**	**Ultimate Recipe Showdown**		**Ace of Cakes**
	-	-	53 AMC	**(5:00) King Kong** ★★ (1976)		**Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers** ★★ (1988) (CC)				**King Kong** ★★ (1976) Jeff Bridges. (CC)		
	626	547	57 COM	**Air Farce**	**22 Minutes**	**Corner Gas**	**Name Is Earl**	**The Simpsons**	**South Park**	**Martin**	**Sarah**	**Daily Show**
	320	621	60 CEN	**(6:30) Past Lies** (2008) (CC)		**The Girlfriend Experience** ★★ (2008, Drama)			**(:20) State of Play** ★★★ (2009) Russell Crowe, Ben Affleck.			
	581	566	101 MTV	**Taking, Stage**	**Taking, Stage**	**After**	**MTV Live**	**The Challenge: Fresh Meat 2**		**Taking, Stage**	**Taking, Stage**	**After**
	261	394	102 V	**(6:00) The Searchers** ★★★★ (1956) (CC)			**Recreat. Eden**	**Conrack** ★★★ (1974) Jon Voight, Paul Winfield. (CC)				**Paid Program**
	-	-	109 MUL	**My Queen**	**Immortal**	**Vancouver**	**Shaktimaan**	**Dheeyan Ghar**	**Sadabahar**	**Connections**	**Desi Rhythms**	**Patrol World**

critics' corner

The Mentalist
Jane and Lisbon (Simon Baker, Robin Tunney) and the team are called to investigate a wealthy jeweler's murder while attending a black-tie fundraiser for the CBI in "A Price Above Rubies." Tim Kang, Owain Yeoman and Amanda Righetti also star; Callard Davis and Dey Young guest star. 10 PM on CBS CTV

Eighteen
On his 18th birthday, a young runaway (Paul Anthony) hears a tape from his grandfather recounting the day he reached that same milestone during the Second World War. Flashbacks to Grandpa's flight through French woods, with a wounded buddy in tow and the Germans on his heels, are interspersed with his grandson's wanderings through the city with his own buddy, a gay street hustler (Brendan Fletcher). That's Ian McKellen supplying the grandfather's voice. 6 PM on BVO

Love wants Gosling to play Cobain

PRODUCTION Courtney Love says the rumours that Twilight star Robert Pattinson has been handpicked to play Kurt Cobain in an upcoming biopic are silly and stupid.

But in an interview, Love said she can imagine Canadian actor Ryan Gosling in the role of her late husband. She said she could also see Scottish actor James McAvoy playing the part of Cobain, the frontman of the seminal grunge band Nirvana.

Love says she will likely never see the film — which is still in its embryonic production stages — because it would be too difficult to sit through.

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Octomom to appear on Oprah

TV Nadya Suleman's attorney says the octuplets' mother will appear on The Oprah Winfrey Show next week and discuss how she is raising her 14 kids. Jeff Czech told the Orange County Register on Tuesday that Oprah sent a TV crew to film at Suleman's La Habra home last week.

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Signature Dish: Brisket Meatballs ($6)
Signature Drink: St. Urbans-Hof Riesling

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Pressed vegetables in gazpacho ($7).

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

Tapas has become a much-used and often-abused nomenclature for smallish, expensive plates of elaborately cooked food. Call them share plates, small plates, what have you, the result is usually the same— the need for a large falafel at the end of the meal.

Enter Judas Goat Taberna, brainchild of Sean Heather, of Irish Heather and Salt Tasting Room fame. The plates are small — most are the size of my daughter's tea set — but the prices are small as well (think less than $40 per person on average for a lot of dishes), and the food is filling, comforting and fabulous.

The three of us tried almost everything on the menu, and that and a bottle of St. Urbans-Hof Riesling brought the bill to less than $130 and left us feeling like Christmas turkeys. The menu floats around Spain, Italy and France, with pit stops in Portugal and Greece.

White anchovy and salsa verde bruschetta ($2.25) was an absolute wonder of flavour combinations and caused a wee fight for the last piece. Pressed vegetables in fresh gazpacho ($7) was both lovely to look at, as well as eat. A large quartet of brisket meatballs in hearty tomato sauce ($6) was rich and moist, while slow-cooked sablefish topped with Israeli cous cous, lemon and smoked paprika ($9) was a thin, flaky fillet that melted at the touch of the fork. Even the desserts, like the dark, boozy Spanish coffee truffles ($5) and the dark chocolate tart with chili jam ($7) were small, palate-sating wonders.

It's a menu that already draws food industry types on their nights out, and no doubt the rest of the city will follow in short order. The only thing missing is the space to seat everyone — but for food this good, I don't mind waiting.

New releases

Each year in April, the wineries of the Naramata Bench showcase some of the best B.C. spring releases. One of this year's faves was Van Westen's Viognier 2008, a crisp, clean quaff that manages to be full-bodied at the same time. Look for notes of apple and cake, and a nose of baked apricot, jasmine, spice and peach. anwestenvineyards.com. $24.99 at Everything Wine and Liberty Wines.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant to find out what its like at a recipe testing for Beer Brats Sausages.

Dining out

HAMILTON STREET GRILL GETS WINE-Y Couldn't get tickets to the wine festival? No problem. On April 26 and 27, Hamilton Street Grill (1009 Hamilton St.) will present the wines of Argentina and New Zealand, this year's theme regions, in a casual, three-course meal, paired with three new wines. The cost is $25 per person. For reservations call at 604-331-1511.

30 YEARS OF FINE FOOD On Saturday La Belle Auberge (4856 — 48 Ave., Delta) will be celebrating its 30th anniversary with a grand, seven-course dinner for $120 ($175 with optional wine pairings). Menu includes terrine of foie gras, seared duck breast, Peace River lamb rack, roasted halibut and banana flambé. Call 604-946-7717 for more information.

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In brief

AWARDS The Annual Sprouts Cookbook Awards were announced last week at Barbara-Jo's Books to Cooks. Judges' choice winner was Tender, Volume 1, by Nigel Slater. People's choice winner was Tastes of Sonora Resort by Matthew Stowe. Pick up both books at Barbara-Jo's.

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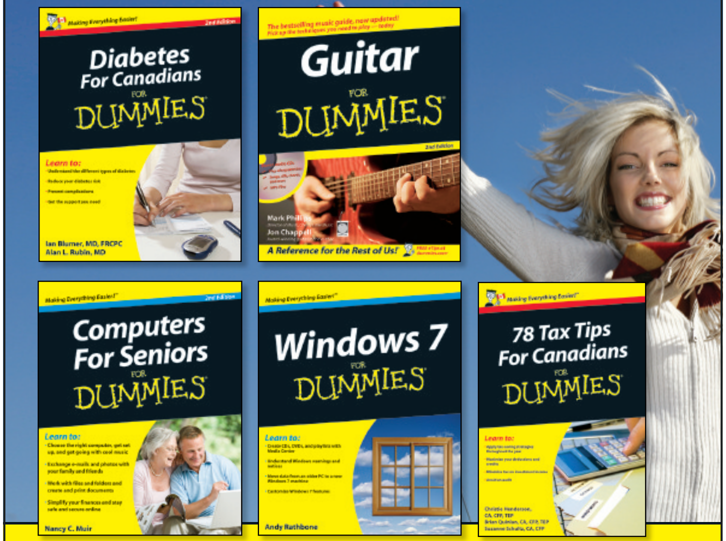
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Celebrity Buzz

Not mastering marriage

BUT HE'S TAKE A SWING AT PARRING THINGS UP SINCE HE'S ALREADY USED HIS MULLIGAN. YEAH, I WENT THERE He's gone to rehab and resumed his golf career, but Tiger Woods' marriage is as wobbly as ever sources are saying, People magazine reports.

The magazine notes Woods' wife Elin Nordegren skipped the golf star's big comeback at the Masters and was described as disgusted and outraged by his Nike commercial featuring a voiceover by his late father.

After Woods finished the tournament, coming in fourth, Nordegren flew out of Florida without her husband and their two children — they were left with nannies — for a destination unknown, friends say.

"Elin was violently angry over this commercial and thought it was a cheesy thing to do," one friend tells People.

"She wouldn't have gone near the Masters under any condition, but that just made her madder. She is over Tiger. I wouldn't be surprised if she files for divorce sometime soon."

So far, though, it's only been talk among friends, the magazine adds. No legal papers have been filed, and it hasn't even been confirmed that she's retained a divorce attorney.

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Did he touch Heidi's heinie?

OF COURSE HE DIDN'T! HE HAS A SILICONE ALLERGY Lauren Conrad is dismissing an Internet report alleging that Hills creator Adam DiVello sexually harassed Heidi Montag, usmagazine.com reports.

"Similar to most of my fellow MTV cast mates, I am in utter shock at the allegations made against Adam DiVello," she tells the website in a statement.

"Not only are they completely absurd, but they are 100 per cent without merit. Adam is a true professional and a wonderful person to work for."

Citing multiple sources, celeb blogger Perez Hilton wrote Tuesday that DiVello allegedly touched Montag, 23, inappropriately on her buttocks and "lower back" after she underwent her 10 cosmetic procedures.

Montag and her husband Spencer Pratt "are very close to bringing legal action against the show," an insider told Hilton.

Sources also told Hilton that DiVello allegedly made inappropriate advances toward Lauren Conrad, which Conrad, 24, denies.

An MTV spokesperson tells Us: "We have looked into this matter and the allegations made against Adam DiVello are completely false and without merit"

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No Prada just a wedding dress

NEXT TIME SKIP THE WEDDING AND GO WITH THE PRADA. YOU COULD ALWAYS SELL IT AND PAY FOR A WEDDING LATER The Office star John Krasinski and fiancée Emily Blunt will be tying the knot a lot sooner than many thought, as the Devil Wears Prada star is reportedly putting the finishing touches on their ceremony plans, according to Hollyscoop.

"They'll get married in about a month. She is planning the wedding right now and is down to the last-minute details. They picked up their wedding bands yesterday," a source says. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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CelebTweets

ROB THOMAS is a well-compensated traveler, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is fed up with Perez Hilton, **AND JUSTIN BIEBER** wants Conan O'Brien to back off.

@ThisIsRobThomas Landed in detroit. Ready to board for virginia. This is the part of the job I get paid for. I play music for free.

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@justinbieber @ConanOBrien First TBS with Turner Broadcasting (Atlanta) now wearing a hat of my homeland...is it just me or r u stalking a minor? not cool

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Tweeting his harsh words

SORRY, MEANT EATING HIS HARSH WORDS After causing a stir with his Twitter comments, about Tiger Woods and his wife, Jim Carrey issued a mea culpa of sorts to his fans and followers, tvguide.com reports.

"To anyone whose grievances have chosen me as their cause, I would say first, that I recognize that tendency in myself, but if you knew me well, you'd see that your resentment has been misplaced. I wish every human being nothing but love and immeasurable happiness," Carrey said in a statement Tuesday.

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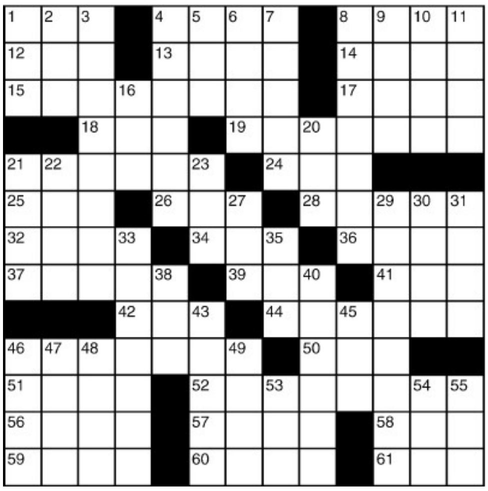

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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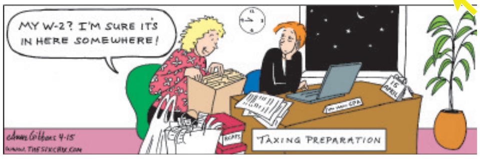

Metro Recipe of the Day

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Submitted by Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

2 egg whites, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
4 (6-7oz) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
2 cups finely grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high and set oven rack to top position. Lightly oil a rimmed sheet pan with olive oil and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, mix egg whites with Dijon mustard and set aside. Place chicken breasts on a cutting board. With a knife parallel to the cutting board, cut chicken breasts in half lengthwise to create two thin chicken breast cutlets. Working with one cutlet at a time, dip chicken into egg white mixture and then coat in Parmesan cheese and place on prepared sheet pan.
3.Broil chicken breasts until crunchy and golden on one side, flip over and continue to cook on other side until cooked through, about 4 minutes per side. Toss carrots with walnuts just before serving. Divide chicken cutlets and carrot mixture among four plates and serve with any remaining broth from pan.

SERVES 4

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As an Aries you enjoy a battle of wits occasionally. You don't have to give in and walk away but you do have to recognize where the real power resides.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If you come on too strong today you will almost certainly turn people against you. Get the balance right.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Set yourself targets that are easy to reach. You may think you can do anything but it won't be that easy today.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The reason you have lost interest in something is because your attitude towards it has changed. Help others see it too

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
There may be a thousand and one things you want to do but your time and your energy are limited, so don't overdo it.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is not a good time to risk your hard-earned cash on risky enterprises. Be especially wary of people who talk a good deal.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Try not to take your fears too seriously. This is only a passing phase so, let it pass.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You don't have to sacrifice pleasure for duty today but if you do you will feel good about yourself.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you try to fit in with others' ideas of how you should behave there will be disappointment all round.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
This is not a good day to say or do anything that might upset people who are important to you, either in a personal or a professional sense.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you come on too strong with your opinions today you will merely succeed in making other people hold on more tightly to their own.

PISCES
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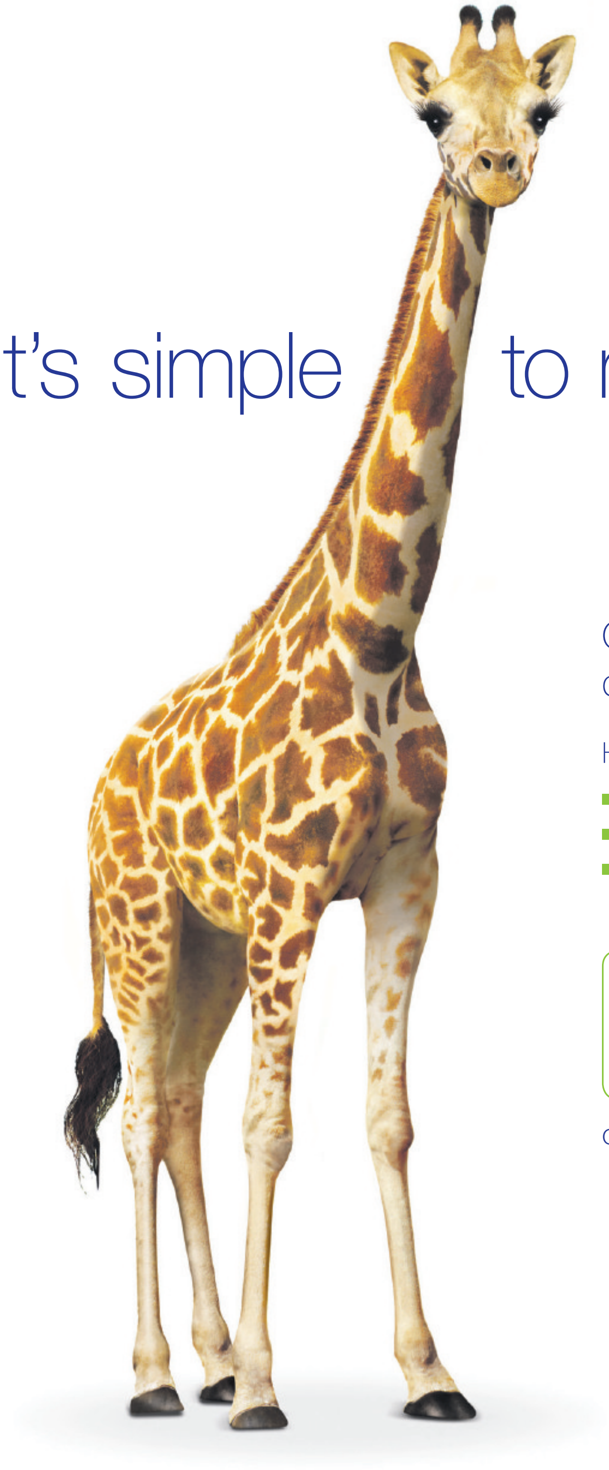

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